I THINK EVERY-THING'S SETTLED BUT
JUST TO BE SURE COME WITH ME
YOU'RE SAFE.
GOOD.
...OK?
IN THE HISTORY OF THE CLAUVEN EMPIRE,
I WAS A YOUNG 7-YEAR-OLD PRIN-CESS
ABDUCTED BY AN AS-SASSIN
BUT I WAS SAVED BY A GUARD.
THAT WAS EASY.

TN's Note: Étoile means "star" in French.
LIFT
HIS NAME WAS ROLAN FLAMBERGE.
WHAT PRINCESS ÉTOILE WISHES,
I WILL GLADLY KNEEL AND GRANT IT.
click
click
click
click

HE FOUGHT
FOR MY SAKE...
EVEN WITH AN INJURY,
HE PROTECTED ME...

TEN YEARS LATER ---
IF I WANT IT, EVEN THE WORLD WILL BE IN MY HANDS!
WHATEVER YOU WISH!
忘却の覇王
第二章 王女のお願い
「シリーズ累計90万部『レイン』の
原作 吉野匠 作画 葉月翼
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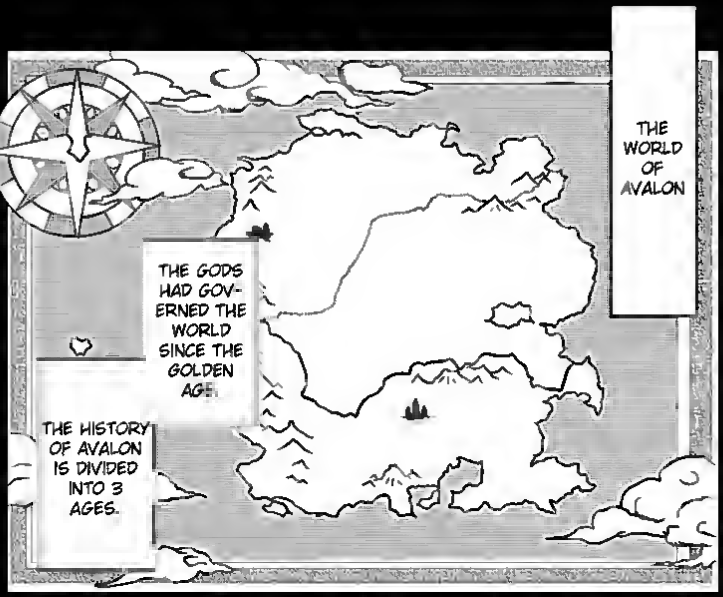
最強ファンタジーコミック化で堂々登場!!



ORDINARY PEOPLE GOVERN THE WORLD.

IN THE PREVIOUS WAR, THE EMPIRE BOASTED TWICE AS MUCH TERRITORY THAN THE UNION BUT
THEN THE SITUATION REVERSED.
NORANDIA
COMMERICAL UNION
ANCIENT COUNTRY BORDERS
IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE EMPIRE DISAPPEARED FROM AVALON.
ALEXEN
CLAUVEN EMPIRE
IN THE CURRENT AVALON THE WORLD IS REPRESENTED BY TWO LARGE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE AT WAR.
"THE CLAUVEN EMPIRE" AND "THE COMMERCIAL CITY UNION."
THE UNION COMMANDER AMENTI HAD ONE PROPOSAL.
HOWEVER, WHILE THE EMPIRE DESPERATELY CONTINUED TO FIGHT
I MIGHT PROPOSE A CEASEFIRE WITH THE EMPIRE."
"IF THE WEDDING CEREMONY IS ARRANGED
"I WANT PRINCESS ÉTOILE TO BE MY BRIDE."

CLAUVEN [illegible] E
---THE CAPITAL ALEXEN
I DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED!
YOU MAY SAY THAT, BUT
THIS IS ARMENTI'S PROPOSAL.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?

splash
I'M JUST SAYING
?
BANG
I THINK IF YOU LIKE SOMEONE AND WANT TO GET MARRIED...
gulp
gulp
gulp
SHUT UP!!
hic..up
H-HEY, YOU'RE DRINKING TOO MUCH
hic..up
ROLAN, YOU'RE A HUGE IDIOT.
A HUGE IDIOT---!!

ROAR
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING!?
YOU'RE THAT SORT OF PERSON.
THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED FROM AN ILL-MANNERED PERSON!
CAN'T YOU TELL REAL INTENTIONS FROM PUBLIC POSITION!?

I WAS CAPTAIN OF THE ROYAL GUARD BUT
GEEZ! THE WAY YOU TALK IS SO ANNOYING.
I'M LISTENING. I'M LISTENING.
TEN YEARS FROM THEN

BEHAVING THAT WAY... THIS LATE AT NIGHT.
THAT WOMAN...

THAT DAY, I WAS CALLED THE PRINCESS' ENVOY FOR SECRECY.

THUD
PRINCESS?
ONE

IT'S NO GOOD
I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF.
...SO PLEASE.
LATE AT NIGHT,
WILL THIS SITUATION
(sing)
FINALLY
RUSH INTO ADULT BEHAVIOR?!!

I THOUGHT SO.
mic.sip
mic.sip
GLARE
HEY,
HOLD STILL.
FROM THEN ON, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT, I KEPT LISTENING TO HER IDLE COMPLAINTS.

YOU KNOW, YOU'RE
SINCE 10 YEARS AGO, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN WITH ME.
ONLY YOU'VE...!!
THE ONLY PERSON I HAVE TO RELY ON!!!
BUT IF SHE MADE THAT KIND OF TERRIFIED SPEECH,
---WELL.
...THIS GIRL.
SHE'S REALLY WASTED.

IT ACTUALLY CAME OUT BECAUSE SHE WAS WASTED.
THERE WERE FEW PEOPLE WHO WOULD TREAT HER KINDLY. THAT SHE COULD ASK ADVICE FROM
ONE PERSON WAS HER UNCLE THE CURRENT KING.

AND ---
... ALRIGHT.
I'M NOT SURE IF SHE WILL UNDERSTAND, AS DRUNK AS SHE IS, BUT.
I'LL SAY THIS.
SINCE YOU WENT SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT,
IT'S OK IF I HAVE ONE REAL INTENTION, RIGHT?
...HONESTLY, IF YOU MANIPULATE THE COMMERICAL CITY UNION'S BOSS, IT WON'T BE GOOD AT ALL.

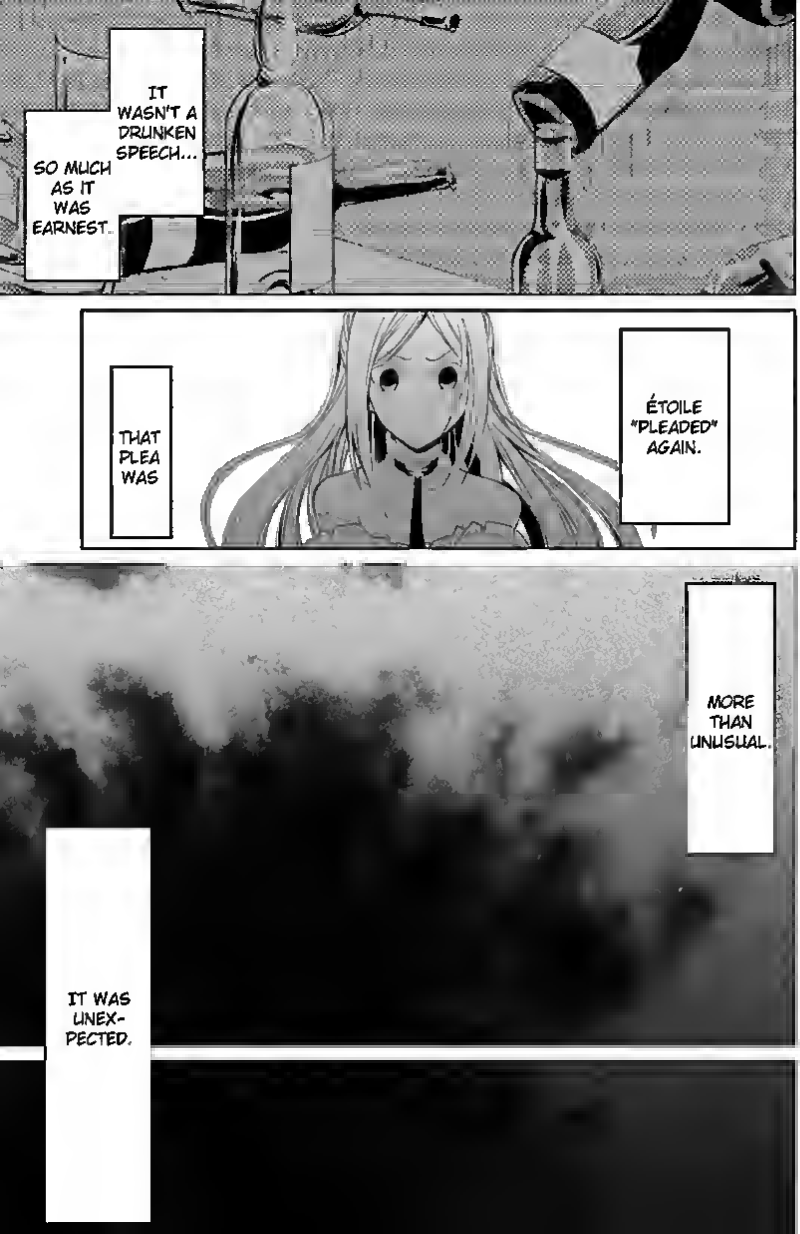
HUH...?
YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE CIRCUM-STANCES SURROUNDING THE COUNTRY BUT
YOU HATE THINGS LIKE POLITICAL MARRIAGES.
UNTIL NOW, YOU HAD NO OBJECTIONS BECAUSE YOU NEEDED SELF-CONTROL!
SO NOW YOU THINK, "SCREW MY NATIVE LAND!"
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WANT ME, ROLAN FLAMBERGE TO FIGHT, NOT FOR THIS COUNTRY
BUT FOR YOUR SAKE!

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ORDER ME LIKE THIS.
"ROLAN, DO SOMETHING!"
REEL
CHOOSE YOUR OWN PATH BEFORE COMPLAIN-ING!!!
DON'T COMPLAIN TO ME. CHOOSE YOUR BEHAVIOR!!
WELL,
URK
ÉTOILE DU CRAUBEN!

...AND LEAVE THE REST TO ME.
...OK?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
THE UNION'S ONE CONDITION
FOR THE CEASEFIRE WAS
HOW CAN I GET HER TO UNDERSTAND
SQUEEZE
THE MARRIAGE WITH THE PRINCESS.
AND HOW CAN I APPROACH IT?...
inhale
...ROLAN.

YOU HAVE TO SAVE ME!

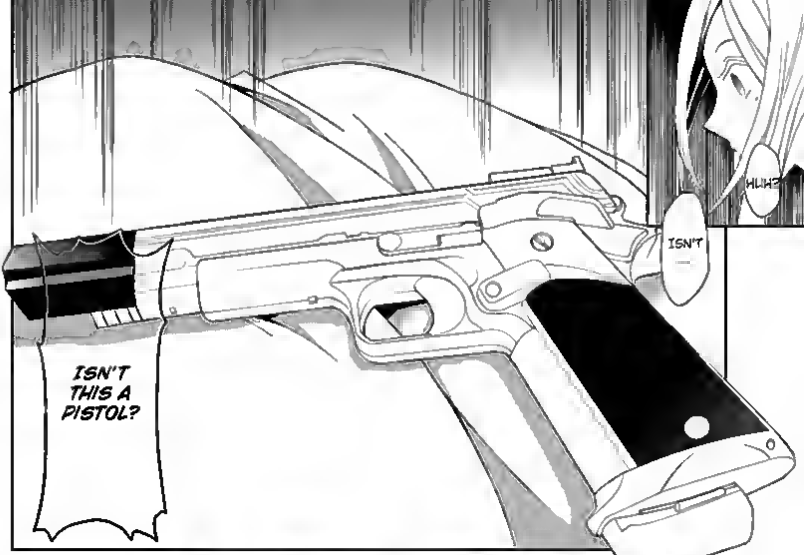

IT WASN'T A DRUNKEN SPEECH...
SO MUCH AS IT WAS EARNEST.
THAT PLEA WAS
ÉTOILE "PLEADED" AGAIN.
MORE THAN UNUSUAL.
IT WAS UNEX-PECTED.

ROLAN!
ROLAN!
AFTER MY DECLARATION THAT NIGHT, IN THAT MENTAL STATE,
CAPTAIN ROLAN FLAMBERGE DISAPPEARED.
WHERE DID HE GOOOOO?
T-THIS IS A PART OF THE PLAN RIGHT?
RIGHT?
...BUT.
BUT!

I'M SUPPOSED TO GET MARRIED TODAYYY!!!
WALK QUICKLY
WALK QUICKLY

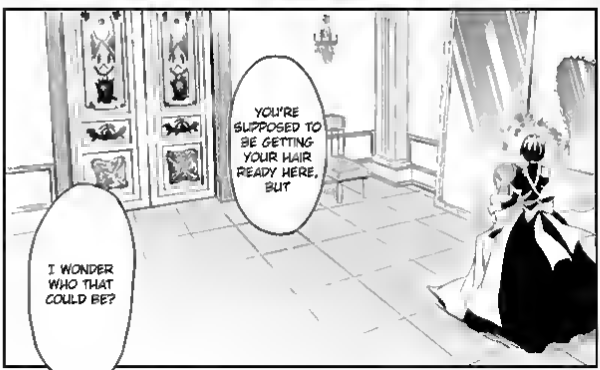
OOH... HOW AWFUL.
DON'T IMAGINE THAT.
BUT AT THIS RATE, IT'S GOING TO BE TRUE.
FOR THE ENEMY'S BOSS TO CONTAMINATE YOUR BODY...
surprise
JOANNE!
DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!
IT'S GOING TO?
I DECIDED TO GO AGAINST FATE!
SUIK
OH REALLY?

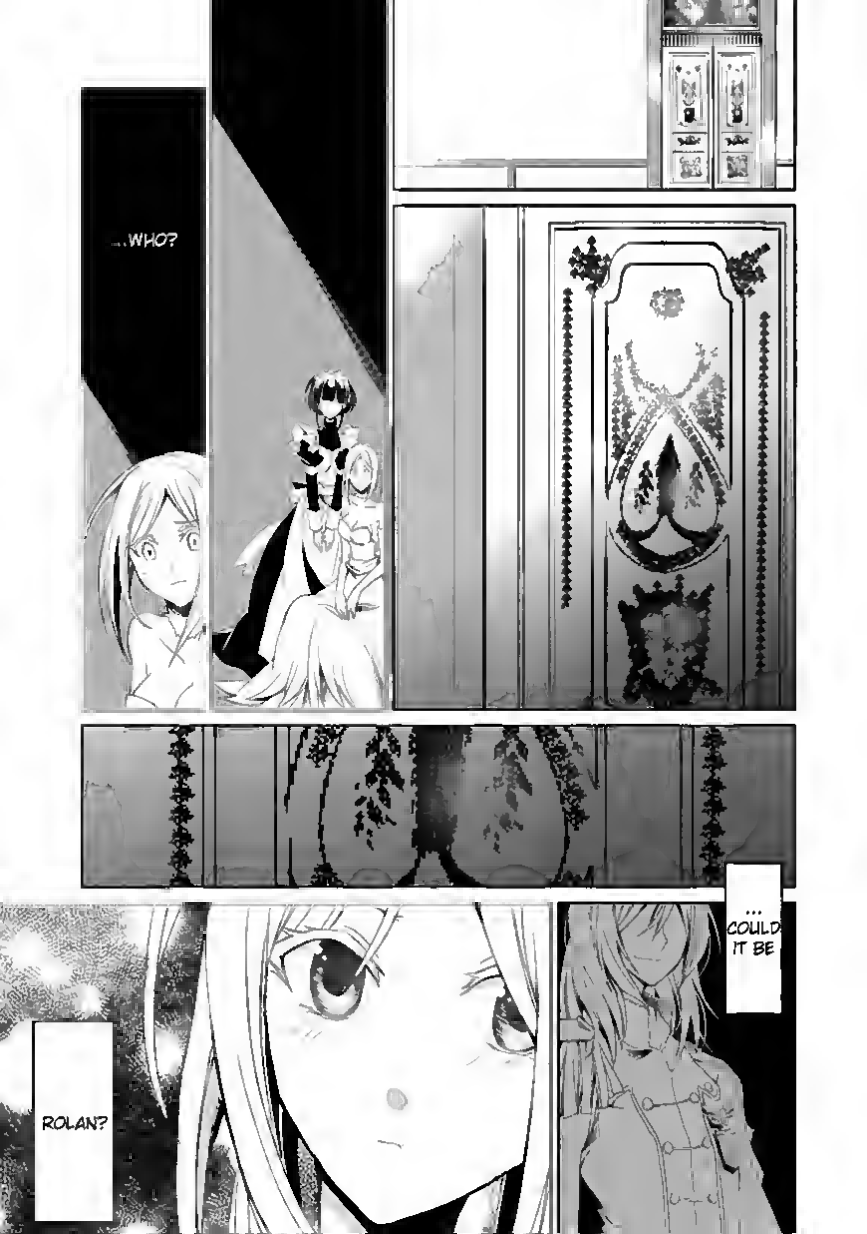
IF ONLY I COULD USE PRINCESS MAGIC TO GET REVENGE ON THE UNION!
YOU'RE SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT AGAIN
WE CANNOT SACRIFICE ANY PRINCESS.
EVEN IF THE EMPIRE IS RUINED.
THAT'S FINE.
JOANNE
DO YOU WANT TO DESTROY THE EMPIRE?
HE ORIGINALLY OPPOSED THE MARRIAGE.
I'M SURE HIS MAJESTY YOUR UNCLE WISHES THAT AS WELL.
THE KING--- MY UNCLE REJECTED THE MARRIAGE
BUT WITH THE IDEA OF THE CEASEFIRE, THE CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED.
MAGIC ALONE MIGHT BE UNRELIABLE.
HERE
...PRINCESS,
DESPITE MY UNCLE,
THE CABINET MINISTERS ADVANCED THE PLAN OF THEIR OWN ACCORD.


HUH?
ISN'T
ISN'T THIS A PISTOL?

... SHHH.

IT'S A WOMAN'S SECRET
HOW DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS GET INTO A MAID'S HANDS?
IT'S AN LT ARM! THOSE ARE VALUABLE.

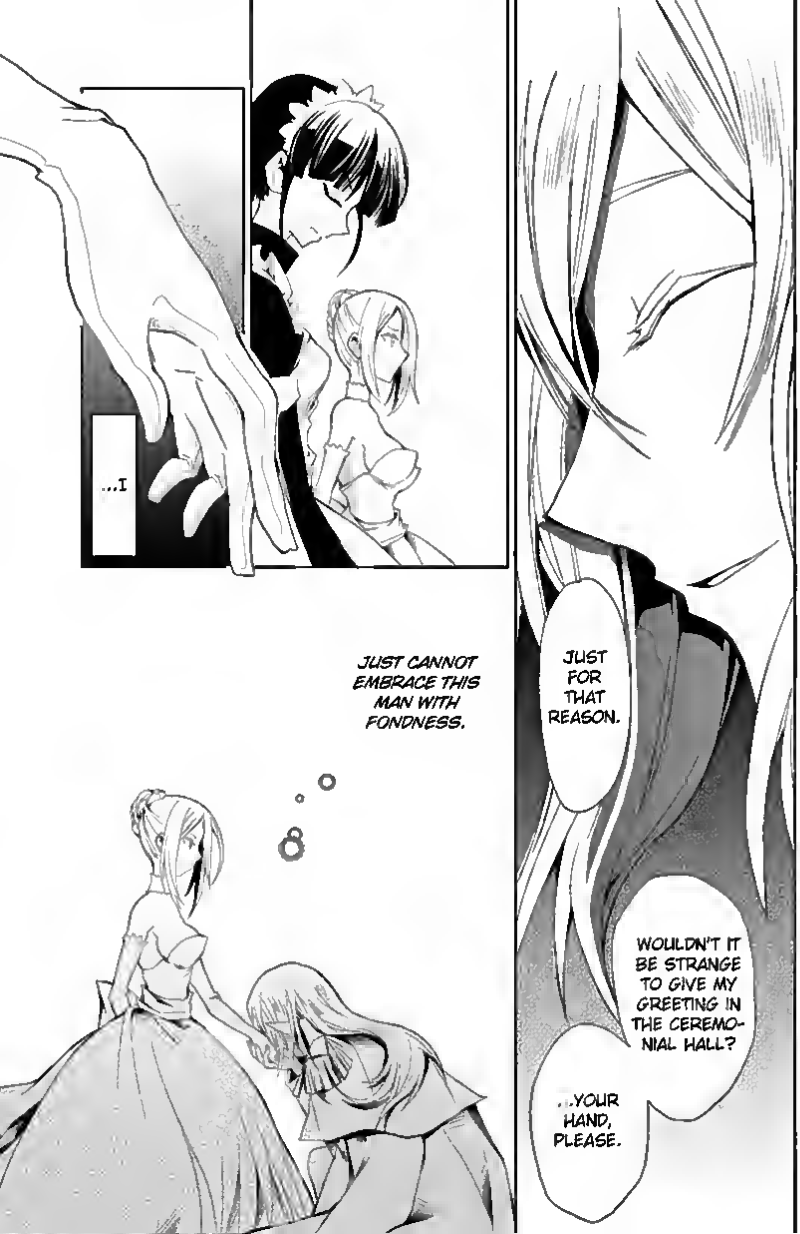

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GETTING YOUR HAIR READY HERE, BUT
I WONDER WHO THAT COULD BE?


...WHO?
...COULD IT BE
ROLAN?

THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY...
BEFORE THE WEDDING CER-EMONY,
I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SIMPLE GREETING.
... NO.
I KNOW THIS VOICE.
BECAUSE I HEARD IT ONCE WHEN HE MADE THE OFFICIAL PROPOSAL.
CLATTER
IT'S NOT ROLAN'S VOICE.

rustle
creak
THE COMMERCIAL CITY UNION'S ABSOLUTE LEADER,
COMMANDER AMENTI!!

...DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS HERE?
MY,
NO,
I JUST WANTED TO GIVE A LITTLE GREETING.
YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL.
hold
...FOR CEREMONY, AT LEAST.


...I
JUST CANNOT EMBRACE THIS MAN WITH FONDNESS.
JUST FOR THAT REASON.
WOULDN'T IT BE STRANGE TO GIVE MY GREETING IN THE CEREMONIAL HALL?
...YOUR HAND, PLEASE.

...IMPUDENCE IS NOT ADMIRABLE, QUEEN.
THAT'S WHAT MY INSTINCTS TELL ME.
I, TOO,
AM TRYING SOMETHING ESPECIALLY DEVIOUS.
W-WHAT WAS THAT?
NO
CHILL

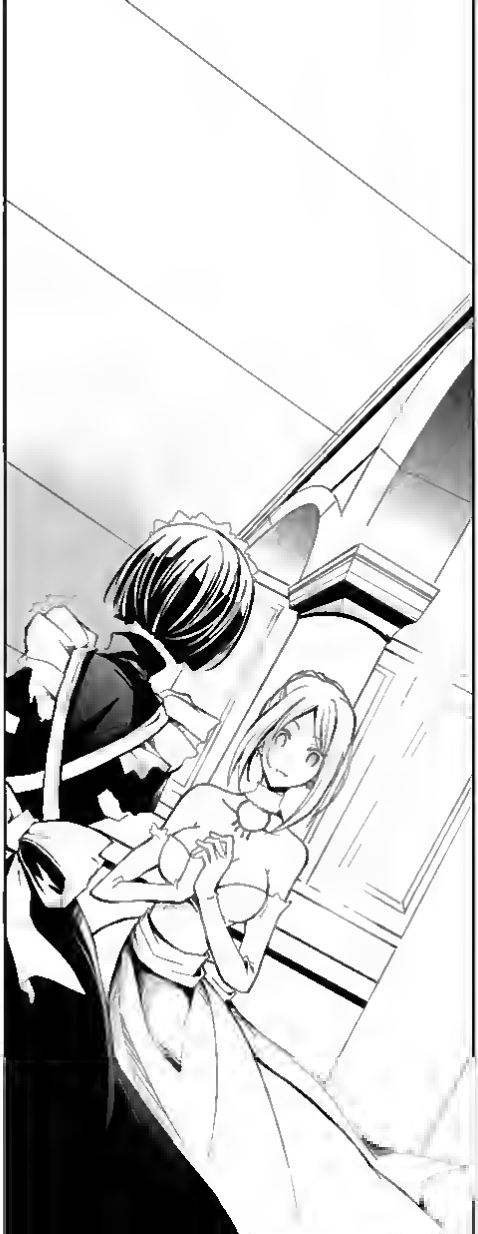
VERY SOON IT WILL BE TIME.
I WAS SAYING HOW I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FIRST NIGHT.
I WAS ONLY TALKING TO MYSELF.
WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON.
...MY BRIDE.
SLAM

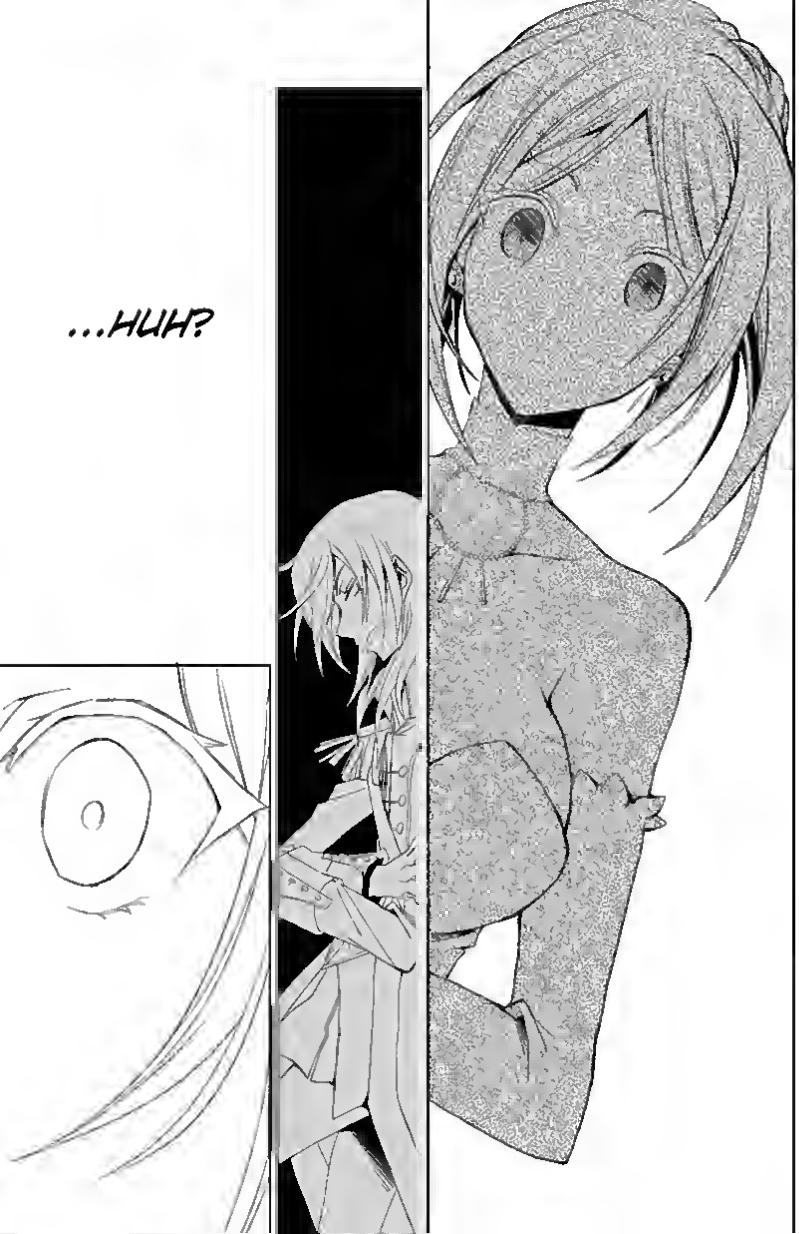
I WONDER
WHERE HE IS.
THERE'S NO TIME LEFT.
RUN
PRIN-CESS!

THAT GUY.
...YOU DIDN'T THINK OF THAT, YOU'RE TOO NICE, PRINCESS.
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST PUT A SHOT IN THE COMMANDER'S HEAD WITH THAT PISTOL.
THE CEREMONY WILL START SOON.
IS THAT SOMETHING A MAID SHOULD SAY?
YOU SHOULD HAVE SHOT HIM IN THE BEGINNING
DROP DEAD!
SAYING HE WAS, "LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FIRST NIGHT."
...SO DISGUSTING.
HIS MAJESTY SAID..... WELL,
HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM CAPTAIN ROLAN.
DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING FROM UNCLE ABOUT ROLAN?
UH... YES.

HE CAME TO MY RESCUE AFTER ALL!
YOU HEARD
WHAT WAS IN THE LETTER, RIGHT?
ROLAN!!
WHAT DID HE SAY!?
HURRY AND TELL ME!

.....
WHAT? TELL ME ALREADY!
THERE'S NO TIME!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HIM!?
PRINCESS
COME ON, ANSWER ME!!
THERE'S NO ONE BESIDES ROLAN I CAN RELY ON!!
..PLEASE LISTEN.
HE...


RESIGNED FROM HIS POSITION AS CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.


...HUH?

VERY SOON,
HISTORY WILL CHANGE.

...YOU SHOULD PREPARE YOURSELF.
WITH THIS, I'LL BE MADE A PRIS-ONER.
IN THE ENEMY'S CAPITAL, I'LL BE TAKEN HOS-TAGE.
I'LL NEVER SEE MY COUNTRY EVER AGAIN.

EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID YOU'D SAVE ME.
WHY DID YOU ABANDON ME?
...ROLAN, YOU LIAR.

YOU MAY KISS TO COMPLETE THE VOWS.
WITH THIS, GO ON THE PATH YOU HAVE CHOSEN.
TO DECLARE YOUR DETERMINATION,

'SCUSE ME.
YOU'RE DESPIC-ABLE.
MR. COM-MANDER
DISGRACING A WOMAN'S FACE WITH TEARS.

CHATTER
THAT FACE WOULD MAKE EVERYONE CRY.
I'M ENVIOUS.
GETTING WORKED UP.
...FINALLY.
IT'S SELFISH BUT...
...COME OUT.
I'LL CUT YOU DOWN.
turn
WHO'D COME OUT CASUALLY?

....I'VE COME TO TAKE HER.

THE
BRIDE.

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Twisted Curiosity
TWISTED CURIOSITY IS RECRUITING!
WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW, WILLING PEOPLE TO HELP OUT. WANT QUICK RELEASES? THEN JOIN US AND MAKE IT HAPPEN!
AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE IN NEED OF:
*TRANSLATORS
*RAW PROVIDERS
*CLEANER/EDITORS
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US A HAND IN RELEASING OUR PROJECTS, PLEASE VISIT US AT: HTTP://S4.ZETABOARDS.COM/TWISTED_CURIOSITY/
吉野匠

STOP YOUR FOOLISH ACTIONS.
THOSE TWO ARE TOO CLOSE TO EACH OTHER!
EVEN WHEN THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PRINCESS GETTING STABBED!
BUT THEY HAVE NO CHANCE OF ESCAPING.
WAIT.
ROAR
IDIOT.
RATHER THAN WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS, SHOULDN'T YOU WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF?

◆花嫁を狙う目的は…!?

FOOL.
COCKING GUN

CHAPTER III: BRIDE OF THE CLAUVEN EMPIRE
忘却の覇王
ロラン
原作:吉野匠 作画:葉月翼
キャラクターデザイン:望月淳
THE BRIDE ISN'T THE ONLY TARGET, IS SHE?
IT SEEMS THAT YOU DON'T GIVE UP VERY EASILY.

ダッ

I SHALL PRAISE YOU.
YOUR COURAGE IS ADMIRABLE, FACING MY LT WEAPON WITH A MEAGER SWORD.
CLICK
BANG
.....!

WOOSH
HOW COULD THIS BE?
HE MANAGED TO CUT THE BULLET IN HALF?!?!
THIS IS YOUR END!!!!

PAUSE

GRSNT
ROAR
LAND
ISN'T THAT A GUN?

LT WEAPON!
IMPOSSIBLE.
WHAT I HAVE ON THIS LT WEAPON IS SOMETHING THAT COMES FROM A COUNCIL OF COUNTRIES.
DID YOU FORGET THAT?
THIS IS AN ELECTRO MAGNETIC SHIELD, MY DEAR IGNORANT FRIEND.
WHAT'S GOING ON??
IF THERE WAS SUCH A DEFENSE, WHY WOULDN'T THE COUNTRIES BE INFORMED? OR AT LEAST THEY SHOULD HAVE GANERED INFORMATION ABOUT IT!
I KNEW OF THE COUNCIL'S LT WEAPONS, BUT TO THINK THAT THEY HAD SUCH A POWERFUL WEAPON HIDDEN AWAY?

I SEE, AMENTI.
WITH HIS CHARISMA AND HIS LT WEAPONS, HE GARNERED HIMSELF A STRONGER ALLIANCE.
HE MAY LOOK YOUNG, BUT HE IS UNCHANGED FROM 10 YEARS AGO.
10 YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME HE KILLED THE LEADER AND TOOK HIS POSITION FOR HIMSELF.
DOES HE POSSESS THE SAME POWER?
Shoo movement
ACCORDING TO RUMOR, MAGIC IS THE REASON WHY HE LOOKS SO YOUNG.

come
I PLAN ON BEING ENTERTAINED BY YOU, HIGH AND MIGHTY LEADER.
HOW FUN.

I SEE
INTERESTING. YOU WISH TO CHALLENGE ME TO A DUEL?
VERY WELL.
BUT GENERAL!
RUSTLE
WHAT IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOU?
I SHALL FIGHT IN YOUR STEAD!
DOES THAT MEAN...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT I WILL LOSE?
DO YOU INTEND TO SHAME ME?
HERE I WILL TELL YOU SOMETHING, PRINCESS
SHIRU'S VOICE, NO,
YOUR VOICE, PRINCESS.

AMENTI HAS DECIDED TO CAPTURE ONE OF THE CRIMINALS HIMSELF!
DON'T YOU DARE DISTURB THEM!
THIS IS ONE OF AMENTI'S PERSONAL PROBLEMS!
PLEASE LEAVE!
IS THIS ALRIGHT, ROLAN?

click.
click.
click.
EVERYONE SHOULD SIMPLY WATCH.
I WILL SOON UNMASK THIS MAN'S IDENTITY RIGHT HERE AND NOW!
YES
LET US BEGIN.
NOW,
I'VE DONE A GOOD JOB OF FISHING HIM.
JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A PRETTY NICE SHIELD AND GUN,
DO YOU THINK YOU'VE ALREADY WON?
I WOULDN'T BE SO COCKY IF I WERE YOU

YOU'RE NOT GOD, ARE YOU?
WE'RE VASTLY OUTNUMBERED. EVEN IF I USE THE PRINCESS AS A SHIELD, THE SITUATION WILL STILL BE BAD.
IT'S ONLY A BIT MORE UNTIL YOU STOP SAYING THAT YOU'VE OVEREST-MATED ME
BUT IF I FORCE IT, IT'S ONE ON ONE, I CAN WIN!
THIS WAY, NINJA WILL STEAL AWAY THE PRINCESS
OPPONENTS THAT HOLD HONOR AND FAME TIGHT WILL BE EASILY DEFEATED.
HEH
ROAR
WOOSH
IT CAN'T BE! THAT SWORD...

DON'T JUST STAND THERE!
SURPRISE

SLASH
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

I'VE SAID TOO MUCH
TO YOU!

SPLURT
DASH
HE-HE BROKE THE SHIELD!?!?!
THE LT WEAPON WAS CUT IN HALF BY A MERE SWORD?
IT'S NOT NORMAL!

WHAT DID ROLAN DO?
YOUNGSTER.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO COCKY YOURSELF,

THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR TODAY
GOOD BYE, PEOPLE! MAY WE MEET AGAIN!
JUST NOW, IT WAS BAD.

THAT IS WHAT MY GUT FEELING SAYS.
I SHOULDN'T CROSS PATHS WITH HIM AGAIN.
YOU THINK WE'LL LET YOU GO?
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
THE ONLY OPTION IS TO FIGHT ME TILL I TEAR YOU INTO SHREDS
YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULDN'T TOUCH THE SOLDIERS.
OR THAT YOU WOULDN'T BLOCK ANY ESCAPE ROUTES

SLOW MOVEMENT
OF COURSE,
THERE IS AN ESCAPE ROUTE.
Press

IS IT AN INVASION?
KABOOM
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE THIS AS AN ATTACK?
STUPID-- WE'RE GOING TO ESCAPE USING THIS.
ROLAN!
YOU'RE THE STUPID ONE!

HOW ARE WE GOING TO ESCAPE FROM THERE?!
ROAR
IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A HOLE, MAKE IT ON OUR SIDE!
WALKING QUICKLY
AN INEVITABLE END...
HMPH...
YOU!

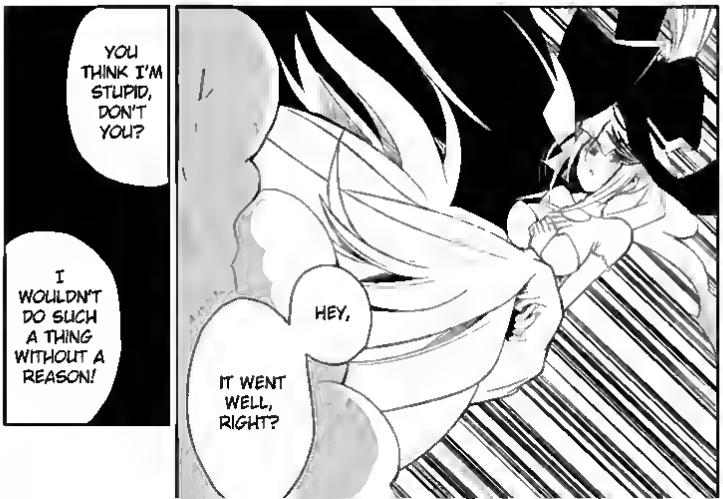
NOW, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THIS LITTLE ESCAPE?
IT'LL BE BETTER IF YOU LET MY BRIDE GO AND SURRENDER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
...AH

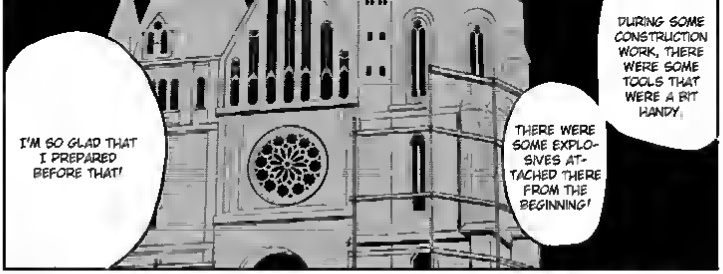
IT'S SO FUNNY.
THAT THIS IS GOING SO WELL..

HE STILL HAS SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE!
VERY GOOD!
SURPRISE
RETREAT!
I WANTED YOU THERE!
PRESS

RUMBLE
RETREAT!

ROAR


YOU THINK I'M STUPID, DON'T YOU?
I WOULDN'T DO SUCH A THING WITHOUT A REASON!
HEY,
IT WENT WELL, RIGHT?


DURING SOME CONSTRUCTION WORK, THERE WERE SOME TOOLS THAT WERE A BIT HANDY.
THERE WERE SOME EXPLOSIVES ATTACHED THERE FROM THE BEGINNING!
I'M SO GLAD THAT I PREPARED BEFORE THAT!

ROLAN
MAYBE THE REASON HE DISAPPEARED WAS BECAUSE HE WAS WORKING SO HARD FOR THIS?
AH
AND MAYBE HE QUIT HIS JOB BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR OUR COUNTRY
AREN'T YOU GENERALLY THE HOSTAGE?
YOU SHOULD LET OUT SOME TERRIFYING SCREAMS, THEN

IT'S GOING TO BE OBVIOUS THAT THIS WAS A LITTLE PLAY, SET IN ORDER TO LET YOU ESCAPE
PINCH
EH?
IT WAS ALL
AAAAHH!!
FOR MY SAKE

THANK YOU
ROLAN

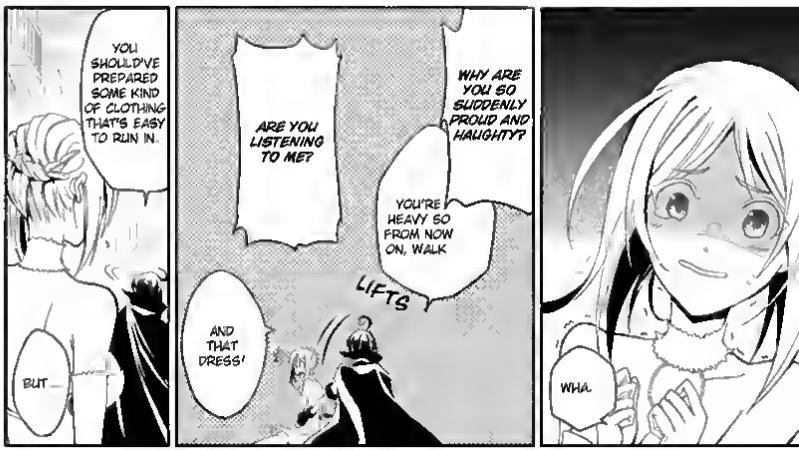
IMPACT

HEY ROLAN?

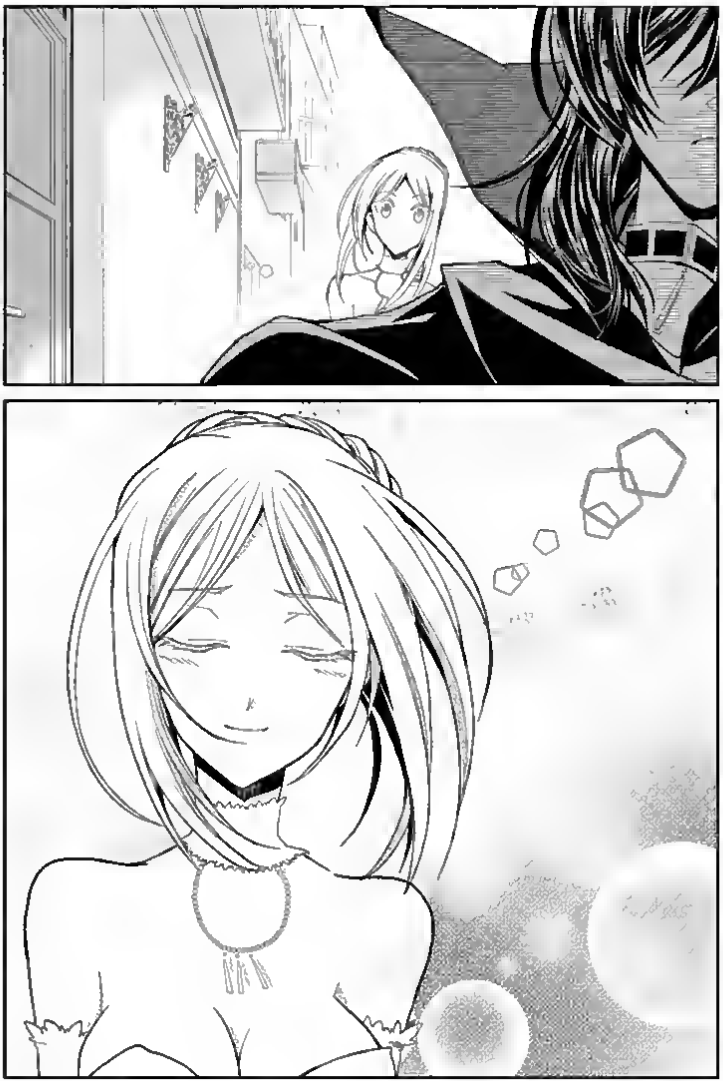
OH YEAH
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU
A WARNING

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FROM NOW ON?
I'LL TELL YOU THE SPECIFICS LATER

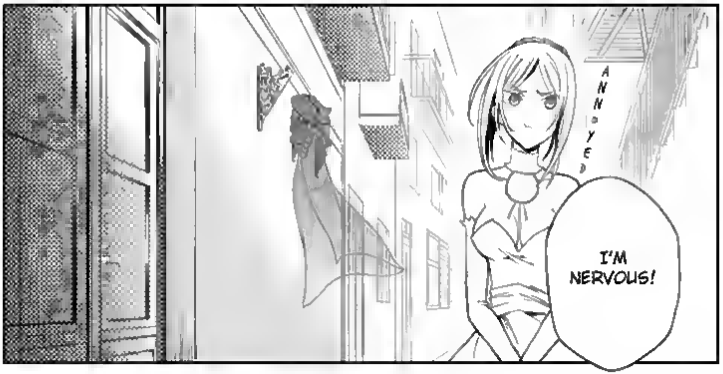
I AM NO LONGER CAPTAIN NOR THE ROYAL GUARD.
PLUS I SENT IN MY RESIGNATION LETTER
THUS I HAVE NO RESPECT TOWARDS YOU AT ALL!
SO PRINCESS, WAIT.
I MEAN, YOU ARE SIMPLY ANY NORMAL GIRL NOW!
THAT MEANS THAT YOU WILL NO LONGER BE ADDRESSED AS A PRINCESS!


WHY ARE YOU SO SUDDENLY PROUD AND HAUGHTY?
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
YOU'RE HEAVY SO FROM NOW ON, WALK
LIFTS
AND THAT DRESS!
YOU SHOULD'VE PREPARED SOME KIND OF CLOTHING THAT'S EASY TO RUN IN.
BUT...
WHA.

I HAD NO GUARANTEE OF IF YOU WERE COMING TO SAVE ME OR NOT
AND THEN, I WAS INFORMED THAT YOU QUIT THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN
I MAKE IT A DUTY OF MINE NOT TO BETRAY MOST GIRLS.



HEY.
DON'T KEEP THAT STUPID EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE.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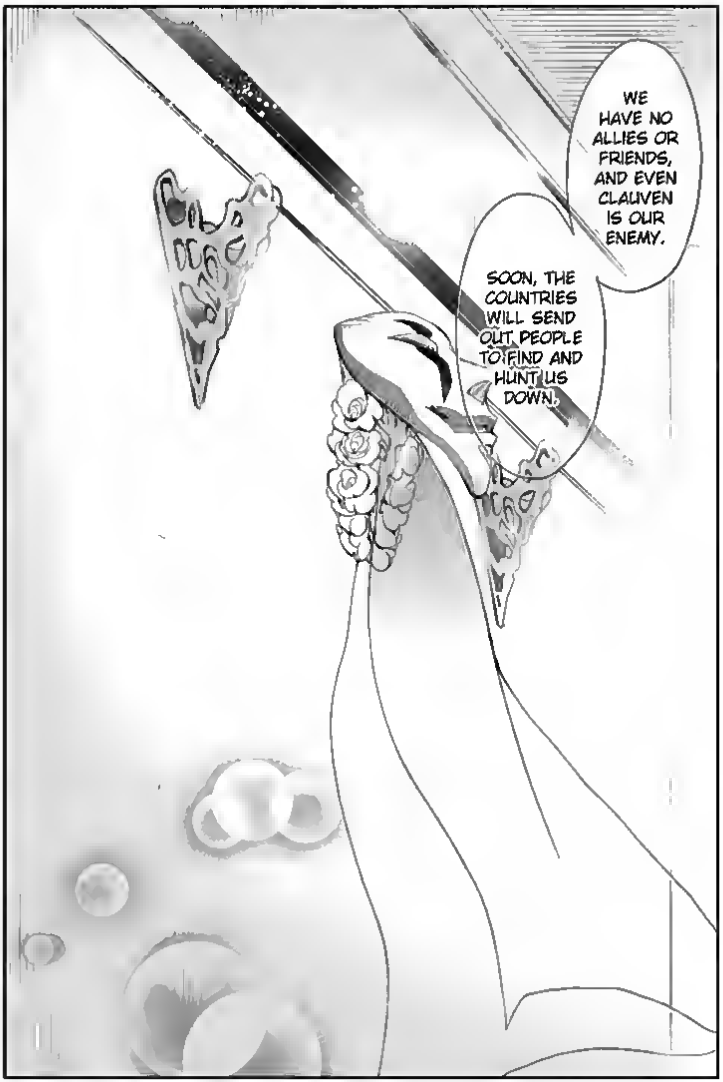
I'M NERVOUS!


WE HAVE NO ALLIES OR FRIENDS, AND EVEN CLAUVEN IS OUR ENEMY.
SOON, THE COUNTRIES WILL SEND OUT PEOPLE TO FIND AND HUNT US DOWN.

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Summary of the events of last time
Norandia
Alexen
CLAUVEN IS EMBROILED IN A WAR WITH THE COMMERCIAL CITY UNION
HOWEVER, CLAUVEN IS LOSING AGAINST THEM.
MY NAME IS ROLAN. I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THE ROYAL GUARD OF CLAUVEN
I DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED!
HELP ME, ROLAN!
AREN'T YOU MY SAVIOR ???
Clauven Princess Étoile
HAHAHAHA! IF CLAUVEN'S PRINCESS WILL BECOME MY BRIDE, WE CAN THINK ABOUT A CEASEFIRE.
Union Commander Amenti
REGARDLESS OF WHAT ROLAN SAID, HE STILL MANAGED TO SAVE ME
BUT THOSE CLOTHES... THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL A TSUNDERE
To be continued...
GRR... WHAT A HARD TO HANDLE WOMAN.
ROLAN

CHAPTER III: ROLAN'S MEASURES

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ROLAN,
PLEASE PROTECT MY NIECE, ÉTOILE.

SCARY — HER EYES ARE FILLED WITH MURDEROUS INTENT.
SHE'S GLARING AT ME.
I GUESS SHE WAS JUST LEFT ALONE AFTER THAT.
BOTH OF HER PARENTS HAVE DIED

...THAT'S RIGHT.

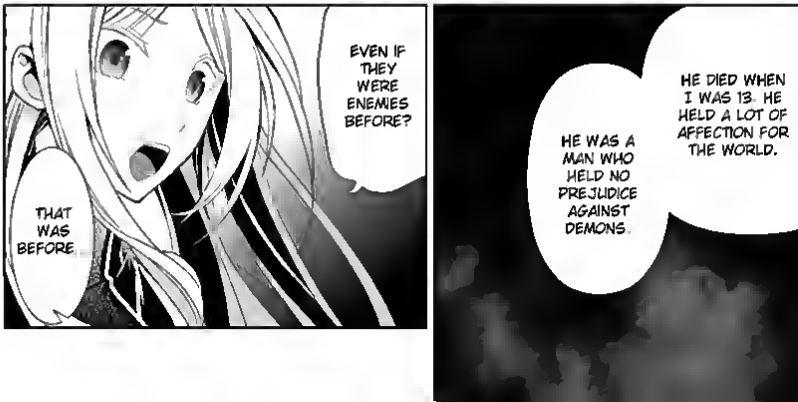
BECAUSE I SAW THOSE EYES,

I WAS DETERMINED.

HEY, ROLAN.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO AFTER THIS?
TELL ME... WHAT'S OUR PLAN?
YOU'RE GOING TO SAVE CLAIVEN JUST LIKE YOU SAVED ME, RIGHT?

PLEASE SAVE ME!
ROLAN!
YOU HAVE TO HELP CLAUVEN SO IT'LL WIN ITS WAR AGAINST THE UNION!

YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NEARLY GOD-LIKE ..
...I HAD A RELATIVE – MY GRANDFATHER, ACTUALLY.
HE MORE OR LESS WORKED WITH THE DEMONS. DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
YOUR GRANDFATHER... YOU MEAN, THE MAN WHO ...ED YOU?
IF I'M RIGHT, HE RAISED YOU UNTIL YOU BECAME A SOLDIER, RIGHT?


HE DIED WHEN I WAS 13. HE HELD A LOT OF AFFECTION FOR THE WORLD.
HE WAS A MAN WHO HELD NO PREJUDICE AGAINST DEMONS.
EVEN IF THEY WERE ENEMIES BEFORE?
THAT WAS BEFORE.

IT SEEMED LIKE MY GRANDFATHER HAD FAR FROM JUST A CONNECTION WITH THE DEMONS.
YEAH.
I GUESS THE DEMONS ARE STILL ALIVE AND WELL.
AH...
DON'T YOU KNOW THE HISTORY OF THIS WORLD?
I LEARNED ABOUT IT A LONG TIME AGO.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T TEACH ME ABOUT IT.
THE GODS ORDERED THE GOLDEN ERA AND AFTER THAT
AVALON'S HISTORY WAS DIVIDED INTO THE THREE ERAS THAT WE KNOW OF.

THE FIRST ERA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE AGE OF THE SAGES"
THE DESCENDANTS OF THE GODS, YOU COULD SAY, WERE A MINORITY ETHNIC GROUP "THE EXILE" WERE EXILED BY THE HUMANS THEY GAVE KNOWLEDGE TO FOR THE THOUSAND YEARS OF THIS ERA
HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE AGE OF THE SAGES, THE HUMAN RACE FELT REGRET FOR DESTROYING THEM.
BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY WIPED OUT ALL OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE. NOW, ALL WE HAVE LEFT OF THAT TIME IS THE LT ARMS LEGACY...

AND THUS CAME THE MODERN ERA.
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND ERA, THE CLAUVEN EMPIRE WAS FOUNDED.
NOW, THE WAR WITH THE UNION IS -
WELL, THIS FOLLOWS THE TEXTBOOK, DOESN'T IT?
SCRATCH
IN THE SECOND ERA, ALSO CALLED "THE MAGIC ERA",
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DEMONS LIVED IN THE WEST - THE FAR REACHES OF THE END OF THE TERRITORY WHERE HUMANS LIVED - AND THEY, ALL LED BY THE DEMON KING, CHALLENGED MANKIND.
IT CONTINUED JUST BEFORE IT BECAME A CONQUEST OF THE WORLD. BUT, MANKIND RECLAIMED THEIR FORMER LT LEGACY TO DRIVE AWAY THE DEMON KING.
HOWEVER, THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD WAS IN DECLINE FOR MANY YEARS. THE QUARREL WITH THE DEMON KING CONTINUED FOR A THOUSAND MORE YEARS

...
DON'T GET MAD
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN WATCHING PRESENT-DAY HISTORY LATELY?
pout
AND THEN WHAT?

IN THE SECOND ERA, THE DEMONS WITHDREW, BUT IT WASN'T JUST BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN GOING EXTINCT.
THEY ARE STILL ALIVE AND WELL
ON AN ISLAND AT THE VERY WEST OF CLAIVEN
THE ISLE AT THE FURTHEST END.

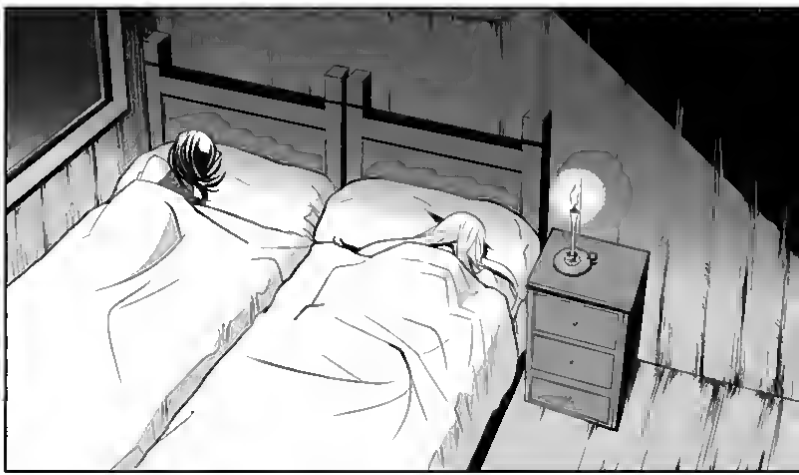
BUT ISN'T RUMORED THAT YOU CAN'T SEE IT WITH THE NAKED EYE AND THAT THE ISLAND ITSELF IS CONCEALED BY A MAGICAL BARRIER TO KEEP HUMANS AWAY?
THAT IS TRUE
OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE HUMAN WORLD, EITHER THE EMPIRE OR UNION WOULD GO AFTER THEM IF THEY KNEW ABOUT IT.
ISN'T THAT COMMON SENSE?
TRY TO CONSIDER THIS
I GUESS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
IF WE ASSUME THIS AND WE WANT A WAY IN, WHO WOULD WE REQUEST TO HELP US?

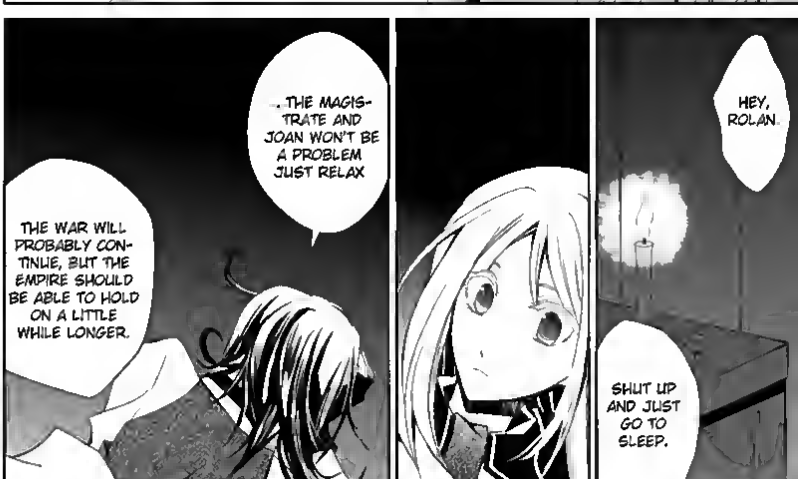
YOU...
BY NO
MEANS
YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE...
SMILE
THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE

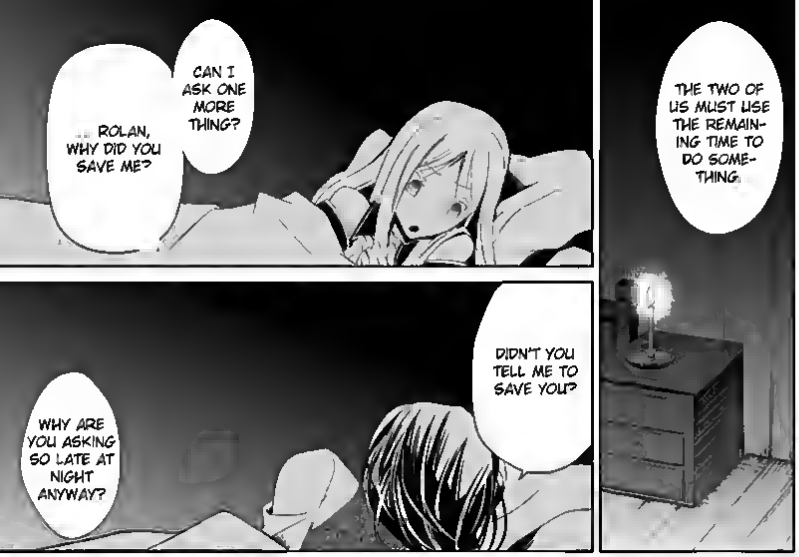
WE SHOULD JUST ASK
A BORED DEMON TO HELP US OUT!

TO HAVE A DEMON AS AN ALLY...
HE COULDN'T HAVE JUST SAID THAT...
EVEN IF WE DO GET A DEMON'S COOPERATION, HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THEY WON'T STAB US WHEN OUR BACKS ARE TURNED?
IT IS SAID THAT DEMONS HAVE UGLY SOULS AND LOOK LIKE MONSTERS!

THEN ..WHAT WAS THAT USELESS MARRIAGE FOR?
ACCORDING TO ROLAN, MY MARRIAGE WITH AMENTI WOULD ONLY CAUSE MORE WAR WITH THE UNION.
I GOT THIS INFORMATION FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE, YOU KNOW
WE CAN'T RELY ON WHAT WE KNOW OF DEMONS IN THE OLD BOOKS.
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN DO THIS
MY GRANDFATHER SAID THAT IT SEEMED LIKE THE DEMONS REALIZED, AFTER THEIR CRUSHING DEFEAT, THAT THEY HAD MISCALCULATED THEIR POSSESSION OF LT ARMS SOMEHOW.
IN ADDITION TO THAT, HE SAID THAT MADE THE UNION EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING.
CAN YOU UNDERSTAND MY TARGET A BIT MORE?
EVEN WITH THE WORST DEMONS, THE THREAT OF THE LT ARMS SHOULD MAKE THIS EASIER.
IT'S NOT A HOPELESS SITUATION.




THE WAR WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE, BUT THE EMPIRE SHOULD BE able TO HOLD ON A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
. THE MAGISTRATE AND JOAN WON'T BE A PROBLEM JUST RELAX
HEY, ROLAN.
SHUT UP AND JUST GO TO SLEEP.


CAN I ASK ONE MORE THING?
...ROLAN, WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?
THE TWO OF US MUST USE THE REMAINING TIME TO DO SOMETHING.
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME TO SAVE YOU?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING SO LATE AT NIGHT ANYWAY?

THAT'S THE ONLY REASON?

...IF YOU'RE BORED, JUST GO TO SLEEP.
I DON'T REMEMBER.
BOTH OF MY PARENTS DIED AS SOLDIERS FIGHTING WITH THE UNION.
THE ONLY RELATIVE I HAD WHO COULD TELL ME ABOUT MY PARENTS WAS MY GRANDFATHER.
HE WAS A HUMAN WHO HELD NO PREJUDICE FOR DEMONS. HE WAS A STRANGE GUY.

TO MY GRAND-FATHER, DEMONS WEREN'T ENEMIES.
HE ALWAYS TALKED HAPPILY OF THEM...
WELL, THAT'S ALRIGHT FOR NOW.
YOU SEE, I GREW UP WITHOUT EVEN KNOW-ING WHAT MY PARENTS LOOKED LIKE.
BACK WHEN HE WAS A SOLDIER HE WAS ABOUT TO DIE WHEN SOME DEMON SAVED HIM
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE THE ENEMIES OF HUMANS!?

I ONLY HAD MY GRAND-FATHER TO RAISE ME.
WHEN I WAS 13, HE DIED AS WELL.
FOR THE TIME BEING, I FOLLOWED IN MY GRANDFA-THER'S FOOT-STEPS AND BECAME A MERCE-NARY.
I STILL DIDN'T FEEL LIKE I BE-LONGED ANY-WHERE.
MAYBE IT WAS BE-CAUSE I LIVED LIKE THAT
THAT I FELT LIKE I DIDN'T BELONG WHERE I WAS.
AT THAT TIME, I ONLY DID WHAT I WAS TOLD AND I DIDN'T NEED ANY INTERESTS.

BUT..
WHEREVER I WENT, WHATEVER I DID,
I FELT A HOLE GROWING IN MY HEART.

I CONTINUED WORKING AS A SOLDIER FOR A WHILE.
THEN, TEN YEARS AGO, WHEN THE ROYAL FAMILY OF CLAIVEN HELD A VICTORY BANQUET...
ROLAN,
PLEASE PROTECT MY NIECE, ETOILE.
FROM THAT POINT ONWARD, MY LIFE SLOWLY BEGAN TO CHANGE.

AT THAT TIME I RECEIVED A VICTORY, A PRIZE – I HAD A PURPOSE.
I WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE PRINCESS'S EYES LOOKED LIKE THAT.
OH YEAH, THAT WAS THE TIME...
BECAUSE I SAW THOSE EYES
I DECIDED TO STAY HERE A WHILE LONGER

THE PRINCESS AT THE VERY LEAST
NEEDS MY POWERS
WHO I USED TO BE, LIVED SUCH A SAVAGE LIFE AND WAS PRETTY ROUGH
THOSE DAYS, I HAD ALWAYS USELESSLY ASKED MYSELF, 'IS THIS THE REASON FOR MY BIRTH?'
BUT SO LONG AS I AM STANDING BY THE PRINCESS,
I LIVE WITH A PURPOSE, AS SMALL AS IT MIGHT BE

...YES.
EVEN IF SOMETHING I DO STICKS OUT,
HICCUP
FOR YOUR SAKE PRINCESS, I WILL COME TO HELP WITH WHATEVER YOU NEED AT ANY TIME.
FOR EXAMPLE, JUST LIKE THIS VERY SECOND -

IT'S A GOOD THING SHE FELL ASLEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.
WHISPER
WHAT THE HELL!?
HOW COULD I SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
...I GUESS MY BREAK'S OVER.

YOU KILLED THEM ...?

...AHH

I WAS ALSO RAISED COMPLETELY AS A SOLDIER.
IT'S OKAY IF YOU SEE ME AS A MAN WITHOUT MERCY. IT'S REALITY.
I'LL ADMIT THAT.
HOWEVER, IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE SCORNFUL ABOUT IT.
...DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF WHAT I'M SAYING?
RIGHT NOW WE'RE LIMITED TO BELIEVING THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS IF ANYONE WITH THE INTENT TO HURT YOU IS IN OUR WAY.
INSTEAD, YOU'RE DEPRESSED.
YOU SHOULD BE RELIEVED THAT THESE GUYS ARE FROM THE UNION.

BUT, UNTIL THE FIGHTING ENDS, I'LL STAY WITH YOU.
...HEY
CLENCH
... YEAH ?
EVEN IF ROLAN MUST DO THOSE KINDS OF THINGS,
AND... EVEN IF THIS IS A FIGHT,
I'M SORRY ..
EVEN IF I'M A LITTLE SCARED,

I'LL FIGHT AS WELL...
I WON'T BECOME A NUISANCE...
I PROM-ISE!

Hee Hee
Hee Hee
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

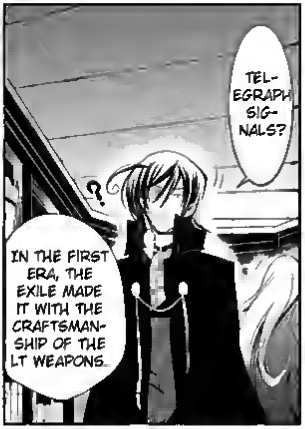
COME ON IN!
I'M THE SKILLFUL PERSON HERE.
KNOCK
knock
TRUST ME.
ARE YOU SURE IT'S ALRIGHT HERE?
THIS IS AN AWFULLY SUSPICIOUS PLACE...
YOU'RE THE SAME AS EVER, JACK.
WITH THIS DUSTY, SMELLY ROOM THOROUGHLY COVERED WITH THOSE BOOKS—
YOU ASSHOLE
THE BOOKS ARE SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

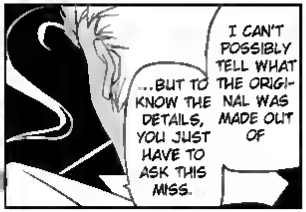
HE FELL...
AHHH!!
FALL
IF I NEGLECT THEM, I'LL FAIL TO GET A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING...
YOU...THAT PERSON...
TO THINK THAT THE GOSSIP ABOUT ROLAIN WAS ACTUALLY TRUE...
OI, JACK!
DID YOU DO THAT JOB REQUEST YOU HAD BEFORE?
EVEN WITH THOSE IMPOSSIBLE STORIES.
PERFECTLY, UNTIL I STOPPED GETTING MONEY.
JOB REQUEST?
YEAH.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
WE LEAKED THAT A UNION INTELLIGENCE IN THE WAR COUNCIL MADE A DEAL WITH A HIGHER UP OFFICIAL IN THE EMPIRE
TOMORROW, EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY WILL KNOW ABOUT THE UNION'S BETRAYAL.

I'M ALWAYS PLANNING FOR THE ENEMY! YOU HAVE TO BE AUDACIOUS WITH THE THREAT OF WAR.
...ROLAN IS A RELATIVELY GOOD PLANNER, HUH?
...POSSIBLY.
WITH THIS, EVEN WE'LL BE LOOKED AT LIKE PERFECT CRIMINALS... WELL, WE'LL MORE OR LESS BE SEEN AS A FRIENDLY ENEMY.

WITH THE TELEGRAPH SIGNALS, THE INFORMATION SHOULD SPREAD.
AT ANY RATE, I DID WHAT YOU WANTED.

CLAIVEN'S ROYAL FAMILY SHOULD KNOW THE FULL SPECIFICS OF THE LT WEAPONS. RIGHT?


TELEGRAPH SIGNALS?
?
IN THE FIRST ERA, THE EXILE MADE IT WITH THE CRAFTSMANSHIP OF THE LT WEAPONS.


I CAN'T POSSIBLY TELL WHAT THE ORIGINAL WAS MADE OUT OF
...BUT TO KNOW THE DETAILS, YOU JUST HAVE TO ASK THIS MISS.

EVEN IF WE DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, IF WE CAN USE IT, IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.
IT'S LIKE MY SWORD.
I'VE SEEN THE ORIGINAL BEFORE BUT... REGARDING THE SPECIFICS, EVEN I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT.
IN THE THIRD ERA, WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT, BUT WE USE IT.
...
I NEED SOMEBODY TO TAKE US TO THE ISLE OF THE FURTHEST ENDS.
EVEN SO, I SHOULD HAVE ASKED OTHER PEOPLE THAN JUST JACK
HOW'S THAT COMING?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
O-OKAY.
IS IT TRUE THAT SOME OF THE DEMONS TREASURE THE LT WEAPONS?
WHAT JOB ARE WE DOING?

SORRY, BUT THE RUMORS THAT "THOSE GUYS MUST BE CARRYING POWERFUL WEAPONS" IS TRUE.
I HEARD IT STRAIGHT FROM A UNION OFFICIAL THAT THEIR LEADER, AMENTI, HAS A LOT OF INTEREST IN IT.
STILL, I CAN'T GET MONEY FROM YOU FOR THIS.
OBVIOUSLY, IDIOT
WELL, ANYWAY, THAT BASTARD AMENTI FINDS THIS PROMISING, HUH?
HERE'S THE REAL QUESTION, THOUGH.
.....
WHERE'S THE GUIDE FOR US?

YOU DID GET SHION FOR US, RIGHT?
SHION...?

WE KNOW OF A HIDDEN ROAD TO THE ISLAND ONLY MY GRANDFATHER HEARD ABOUT IT, THOUGH
PROBABLY FROM THE DEMON WHO SAVED HIM.
HE SAID THAT WHATEVER HAPPENED, THE DEMON WOULD LEND ITS POWERS.
ISN'T THAT A WOMAN'S NAME!? OUR GUIDE IS GOING TO BE A GIRL!?
...IT'S FINE EITHER WAY... WHAT DOES THE GENDER MATTER?
...WHAT?
I TOLD YOU BEFORE! MY GRANDFATHER WAS SAVED BY A DEMON!
WOULDN'T YOU BE ABLE TO GUIDE PEOPLE THROUGH YOUR HOMETOWN?
SO THE OLD GRANNY'S THE GUIDE? HOW DOES SHE KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THE ISLE?
OF COURSE SHE KNOWS A LOT.

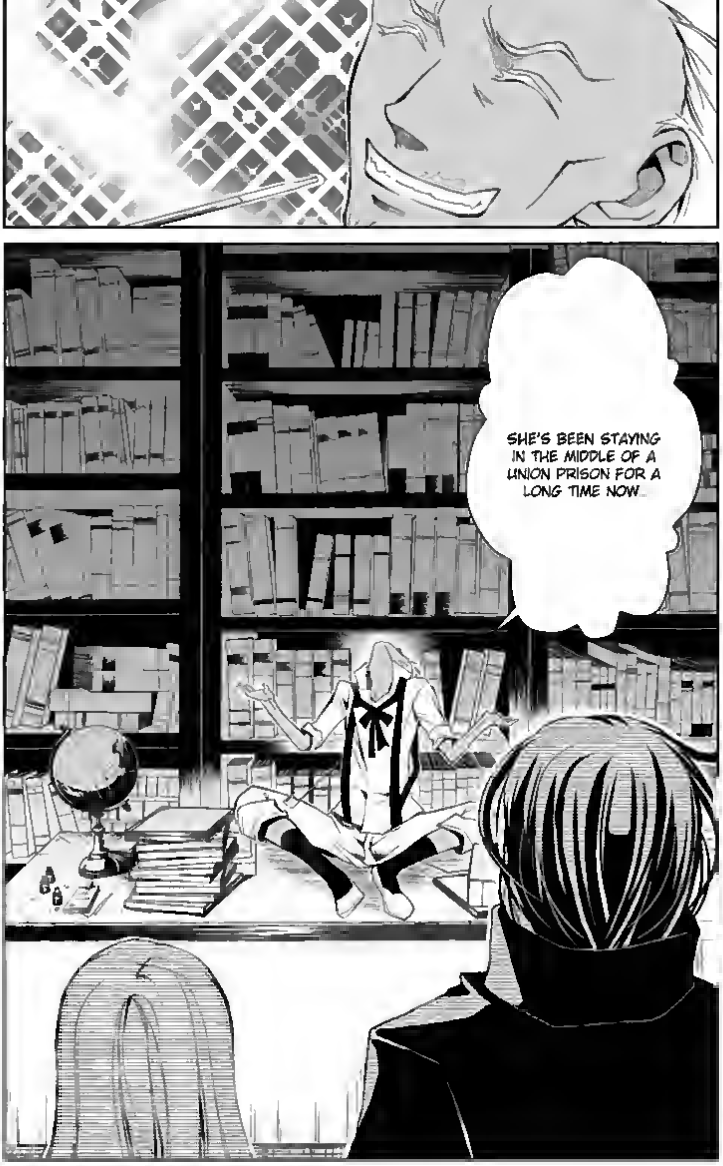
THAT DEMON'S NAME IS "SHION".

WAI...
SHOCK
WAIT JUST A MINUTE!!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE GOING TO MEET ANY OF THEM... OR GET EATEN FOR THAT MATTER
WELL, YOU DEFINITELY WON'T BE EATEN IF THEY'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE...
WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES RIGHT NOW, ANYWAY.
LET ME ASK SOMETHING. YOUR GRANDFATHER WAS UNDER SHION'S CARE?
IT HAPPENED WHEN MY GRANDFATHER WAS YOUNG, A LONG TIME AGO.
...WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
IT'S WEIRD.
IT'S TRUE THAT THERE'S AN OLD LADY SUPPORTING HERSELF NAMED SHION UP THERE,
BUT THAT SHE'S A DEMON IS CERTAINLY NEWS TO ME.
MY KNOWLEDGE IS LIMITED TO THAT AND THE FACT THAT EVEN NOW IN THE HUMAN WORLD THERE'S ONLY ONE EXISTING DEMON. SEEMS LIKE IT'S HER.

EVEN SO, THIS OLD LADY..
THE UNION...NO, SINCE YOU FAIRLY KNOW THE PERSON, IT'S GOTTA BE TRUE.
SHE HASN'T MOVED FROM THE SAME SPOT.
OH SHIT, YOU GET IT.

I'D EVEN BET NOT EVEN IN A HUNDRED THOUSAND A HUNDRED MILLION YEARS!
NOT EVEN ONCE.

...JACK
WHERE IS SHION RIGHT NOW?


SHE'S BEEN STAYING IN THE MIDDLE OF A UNION PRISON FOR A LONG TIME NOW...

THE UNION'S PRISON NACH-SPEAR?

WHY'S SHE IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?
ROLAN...

... SHE'S NOT LEADING AN EASY LIFE, IS SHE?
WHICH MEANS THEN...

WE'RE GOING TO COMMENCE WITH THE "OLD-LADY SHION RESCUE PLAN"!
AHHHHH

Lost
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SYNOPSIS OF THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER
THE EMPIRE AND UNION ARE IN A WAR!
CAN'T WE RELY ON THE EMPIRE'S TROOPS?
Really
THEY DON'T EXIST. THE DEMONS HAVE WITHDRAWN AND BECOME NEETS
SO WE'LL HAVE TO CALL THEM IMMEDIATELY FROM THE ISLAND TO HELP
BUT, WHAT DO WE DO? WE DON'T KNOW THE ROAD THERE
IT'S FINE, THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM.
SHION-SAN, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA, KNOWS HOW TO GO TO THE ISLE AT THE FURTHEST END
SHION IS A DEMON, THE SAVIOUR OF MY GRANDFATHER
WE'LL HAVE TO IMMEDIATELY GO TO HIS PLACE AND TELL HIM THE NEWS
NEWS ROOM
SHION?
IF THAT'S SO, THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO GO FOR A VACATION IN UNION'S PRISON.
PRISON!!!
OLD LADY, LET'S EAT AND RUN!
Don't talk rubbish.
HEY...HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE?
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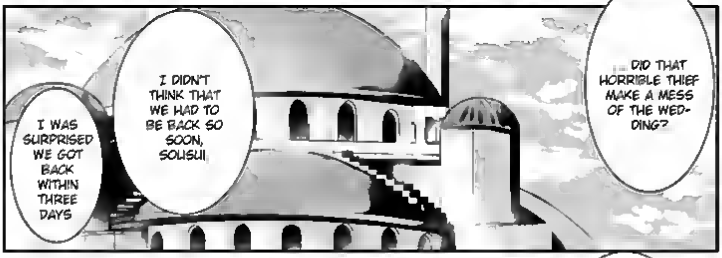
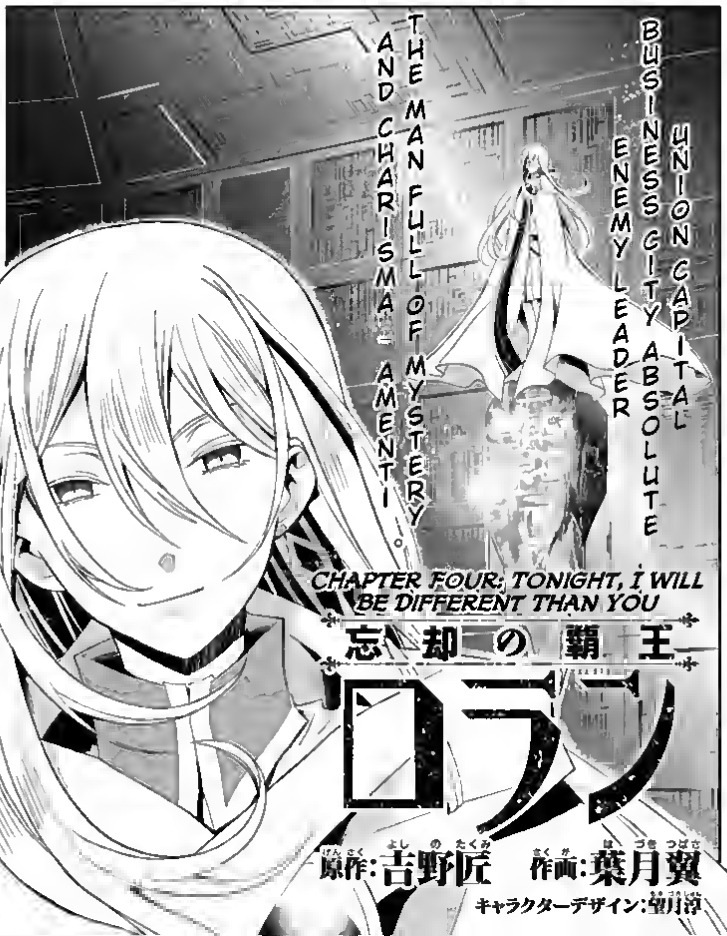

I WAS SURPRISED WE GOT BACK WITHIN THREE DAYS
I DIDN'T THINK THAT WE HAD TO BE BACK SO SOON, SOLISU...
...DID THAT HORRIBLE THIEF MAKE A MESS OF THE WEDDING?

EVEN WITH THE CLAIVEN EMPIRE LOOKING FOR THE CRIMINAL, WE CAN'T TAKE TOO LONG...
I WILL BE STAYING THERE. IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN THERE...



CHAPTER FOUR: TONIGHT, I WILL BE DIFFERENT THAN YOU

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SO, CAN WE CONTINUE?
THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL

CONSISTING OF THE GREAT 13 MEMBERS THIS REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL

THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL

ASSASSINATED THE PREVIOUS SOUSUI AND PUT AMENTI IN POWER RIGHT AFTER.
AMENTI'S VIEW OF THE LONG SOSUI PROPOSAL STAYED THE
... I SEE.

BUT, CONCERNING THE PRINCESS, LET US JUST LEAVE THE SITUATION AS IT IS. HMM?
AT ANY RATE, SHE'LL—
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
USE ANY KIND OF MEANS NECESSARY TO FIND THE PRINCESS. WE'RE GUESTS OF THE EMPIRE.
WE ACCEPTED THEIR INVITATION FIRSTLY TO FOLLOW THE PLANS
BUT NOW, THAT AND ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN LINKED TOGETHER
OF COURSE THIS ISN'T TO BE LEFT ALONE.

...OUR ANCESTORS IN THE FIRST ERA ORIGINALLY LED THE OTHER FOOLISH NATIONS
AS THE SUPERIOR NATION...
THAT IS ALREADY BEING FORGOTTEN, EVEN BY OUR NATION!
RUSTLE
THE DIRECT DESCENDANTS... OUR "PRIDE"... MUST NOT BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO FORGET...

howl
howl
howl
THE ORDINARY CITIZENS OF THE UNION DON'T KNOW.
THEY HAVE THE SPECIAL BLOOD-LINE
THEY HAVE TO KEEP THIS OPEN SECRET TO KEEP A FIRM UNITY.

HOW IS AMENTI DIFFERENT FROM THE ASSASSI-NATED PREVIOUS SOUSUI?

IT IS CERTAINLY HIS "PRIDE".

SO DURING THESE TEN YEARS,
THE TOP OFFICIAL OF THE UNION SERVED UNDER AMENTI.
THE PREVIOUS SOUSUI LOOKED FOR THE LT LEGACY AND DIDN'T FEEL THAT ANYTHING EXCEPT SEARCHING WOULD PROFIT HIM.
AMENTI LIKE THE PREVIOUS SOUSUI EXPOUNDED ON THE FORGOTTEN LT LEGACY.
BUT THAT WAS NOT ALL. HE ARRANGED TO MEET WITH THE FIRST GENERATION'S "PRIDE"
SINCE HE'S ASCENDED THE THRONE AS THE NEXT SOUSUI,
HE'S BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE LT LEGACY THAN THE ONE BEFORE HIM.
THE ARMY'S REINFORCEMENTS HAVE GONE FORWARD
THE EMPIRE WILL BE WIPED OUT IN TIME AND
EVERYONE IN THE UNION CAPITAL BUSINESS CITY, IN THE WHOLE WORLD WILL REALIZE THEY CAN'T ESCAPE FROM US
I'M ACTING LIKE A FOOLISH YOUTH

FOR THE SAKE OF THE IMMATURE WORLD,
THE GLORY DAYS WE LOST!
HE'S TRUTHFULLY A FRIGHTENING MAN...
OUR NATION HAS MORE OR LESS CAUSED THIS, BUT NO MATTER HOW IMPOSSIBLE, WE MUST STOP IT.
WE'LL FIGHT, AND THEN, FROM THE WORLD OF AVALON WE'LL GET BACK...

WE'LL GET BACK THE GLORY DAYS WE LOST!
ROAAAAAAAR
FOR THE SAKE OF THE IM-MATURE WORLD!
FOR THE SAKE OF THE IM-MATURE WORLD!

WE SHOULDN'T SHOW ANYONE WHO THE WORLD'S TRUE LEADER IS JUST YET!
THAT IT IS WE, WITH THE HELP OF THE EXILE!

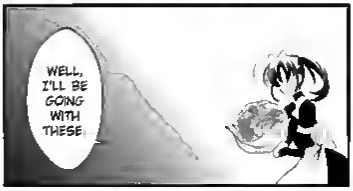
-TAP-TAP-
THE [redacted] BERS OF THE CONGRESS WILL OPPOSE TO NOTHING
IF THAT YOUNG DANTE LOOKS INTO IT—
THEY'LL JUST LOOK TO THE TRENDS AROUND THEM
-TAP-TAP-

YET IT WAS MOVED WASN'T IT?
TH..IT SWORD... IT C..N'T BE TRUE.
THAT THIEF INTERRUPTED THE WEDDING
HE HAD THE WAITING SWORD.
THAT THIEF HAS THE LT WEAPON THE "WAITING SWORD"!! —AND YET
UNACTIVATED IT HAS THE LIMITS OF A NORMAL INFERIOR SWORD, BUT AFTER A WHILE ITS POWERS PILE UP AND BECOME OVERDUE.

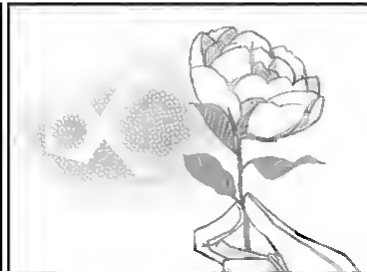
THAT IN COMPARISON WITH THE SPECTRAL BLADE WHICH IS EASY TO OBTAIN, THE OPPOSITE IS SAID ABOUT THE ELECTRIC BLADE.
OR IT WILL BE RENDERED USELESS.
IT'S THE ELECTRIC BLADE!
—IT'S FEASIBLE.
WITH THAT THIEF... THE ELECTRIC BLADE MUST BE USED BY A SWORDSMAN
FROM WHAT I HEARD BEFORE, THE SWORD WAS HELD SOMEWHERE IN CLAUVEN BY A "SOLDIER"
AH!
AMENTI-SAMA!

EH!? THEY WERE DELIVERED HERE JUST THE OTHER DAY!
I HAVEN'T SEEN THIS TYPE IN THE AREA BEFORE.
ARE THOSE FLOWERS?
ARE YOU STILL WORKING?
I DON'T REMEMBER ASKING FOR THEM
AH... PLEASE EXCUSE ME IF I'M PROTRUDING TOO MUCH...!
THAT'S FUNNY
I'M DELIVERING THESE TO YOUR OFFICE, YOU KNOW
...THESE ARE FROM THE MAIDS
WE KNOW YOU WORK DAY AND NIGHT AND BETWEEN BREAKS FOR OUR SAKE,
AND WE HEARD YOU GOT HURT... SO, AT LEAST
WE HOPE THE SCENT OF THESE FLOWERS WILL MAKE YOU FEEL A LITTLE BIT BETTER. THEREFORE, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE ACCEPT THEM...

... YOUR FEELINGS
I'LL ACCEPT THEM WITH THANKS
DON'T BE SILLY!!


WELL, I'LL BE GOING WITH THESE.

PLEASE WIN THIS WAR AND BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD
THIS WAR... AMENTI-SAMA...



CRUSH

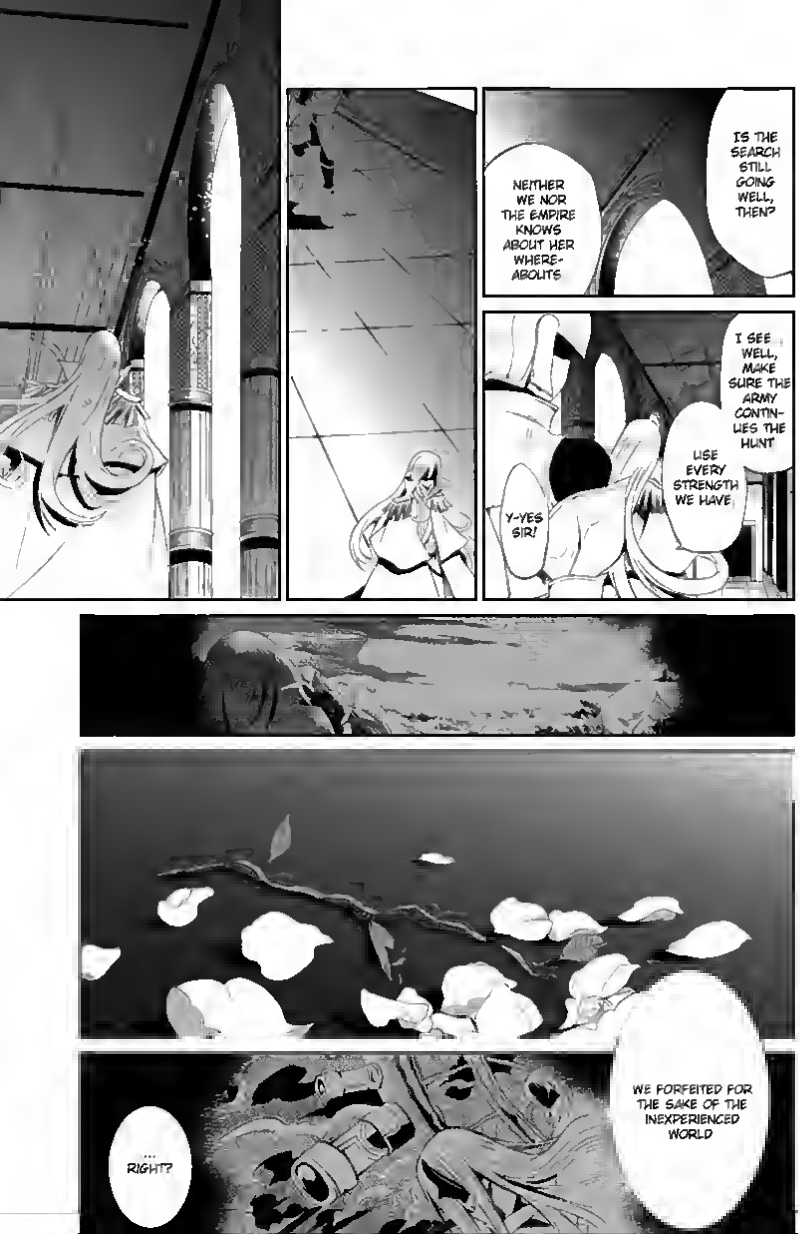
THRICE

haa
haa
haa
haa
haa
haa
... CALM DOWN.

SOUSUI!
HASN'T COME YET.
THE TIME

MY BODY IS FINE.
ASIDE FROM THAT, HAS ANYONE BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE WHEREABOUTS OF PRINCESS ETOILE?
NO SIR

AS I THOUGHT, YOU NEED TO REST YOUR BODY.
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT


IS THE SEARCH STILL GOING WELL, THEN?
NEITHER WE NOR THE EMPIRE KNOWS ABOUT HER WHERE-ABOUTS
I SEE. WELL, MAKE SURE THE ARMY CONTIN-UES THE HUNT
USE EVERY STRENGTH WE HAVE
Y-YES SIR!
WE FORFEITED FOR THE SAKE OF THE INEXPERIENCED WORLD
... RIGHT?

WE'RE ALREADY GOING BACK TO THOSE TIMES
I WILL SHOW THIS INEXPERIENCED WORLD
ANOTHER, BETTER WORLD FOR AVALON'S PEOPLE

... IT'S POSSIBLE THAT ANYONE, THAT ANY MAN CAN FALL INTO HELL.
... NO
I WILL PERSONALLY SEE THAT IT HAPPENS.

HOOOOWWLLL
WHOOOOSH
WE WON'T GET ANY REPRIEVE, WILL WE?

THE UNION FLEET... HAS THREE SHIPS?
THEY'RE GOING TO FACE THE EMPIRE.
WHOOOOOOOSH
AND HAVE TAKEN THIS SKYSHIP TO "DESPAIR"
WE'VE MADE PLANS TO GO THROUGH WITH THE "OLD LADY SHION RESCUE PLAN"
I'LL TRUST THAT THEY CAN WITHSTAND IT...!!

TO SAVE SHION FROM THE UNION'S INTERNAL PRISON,
YOU WILL FIRST NEED A VEHICLE. I'LL LEND YOU THE SKYSHIP I STOLE
YOU HAVE A SKYSHIP?
I HAVE A FRIEND WHO LIVES ON THE ISLAND AND IS FROM THE UNION'S MOST FAMOUS TRADING COMPANY. HE'S A CAUTIOUS, LOW-RANKING OFFICER.
I CAN GET MY HANDS ON A TRADING COMPANY'S SKYSHIP. WE'LL HAVE TO RETURN TO PORT THE NEXT NIGHT TO REPLENISH ITS FUEL.

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANY-MORE RUMORS COME UP ABOUT ME...
THOSE RUMORS ARE SO GLOOMY.
...THANKS A TON, JACK.
WELL, THAT'S ALL I GOT FROM MY INFORMANT.
SINCE WE STOPPED TALKING BE-CAUSE IT WAS GETTING TOO DANGEROUS
THERE ISN'T EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE THAT ANYONE WHO ISN'T OF THE TRADING COMPANY'S AUTHO-RIZED PERSONNEL CAN FLY ONTO THE ISLAND WITHOUT A SKYSHIP.
IF THIS IS TRUE, WOULD IT EVEN BE POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO STEAL ONE?
THUS, THANKS TO JACK'S ADVICE
WE OBTAINED A SKYSHIP TO FLY TO THE ISLAND

WE FOLLOWED WHAT JACK SAID.
WE WATCHED AS THE SHIP WAS BROUGHT DOWN.
AND SUCCESS-FULLY TOOK IT.
... UNFORTU-NATELY, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PILOT A SHIP.
THAT'S WHEN ETOILE'S KNOWL-EDGE OF THE LT WEAPONRY BECAME USEFUL.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THAT, ETOILE FELL ASLEEP
UNLIKE THE PRINCESS, THOUGH, I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN WORKING RATHER HARD
WITH THIS ORDER OF AFFAIRS, I'M HOPING WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING
BUT WE ALREADY ACCEPTED THAT THIS MISSION IS IMPOSSIBLE
... I'M ALSO RUSHING AFTER THE PAST...
sigh
ETOILE? WEREN'T YOU SLEEPING?
HM
SORRY. I DON'T MEAN TO BOTHER YOU
BUT, IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?
YOUR MOTHER?
SURELY IT'S THANKS TO YOUR MOTHER, RIGHT?

swish
WHAT'S WRONG?
I HAD A DREAM THAT MY MOM DIED
I COULD HEAR A LULLABY AND SURELY IT'S THANKS TO HER THAT I COULD SLEEP
TALKING IN HIS SLEEP?
SING ME A LUL-LABY
MOMMY
DIDN'T SHE ALWAYS SING YOU A SONG?
WOULD YOU?
I GUESS I COULD ALSO SING—
THE ONE YOU ALWAYS SING...

I HOPE MY PERCEPTION OF MY MOTHER ISN'T WRONG...
ROLAN, LOOK AT THAT!
WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG, THEY OFTEN SUNG STRANGE SONGS TO YOU
YOU REALIZE YOU'RE ASKING ME TO DO SOMETHING FOR A CHILD, RIGHT?
I'M NOT GOOD AT THIS
SHE SHOULD HAVE MET WITH MY MOTHER IN HER SLEEP
HEH.
I WAS BARELY ABLE TO SEE IT

THAT'S "DESPAIR"!!
WHOOSH

WHOOSH

WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL INSTITUTION? I'M NOT SURE, BUT I THINK THAT THIS WAS THE EXILE OF THE FIRST ER...'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WASN'T IT?
—I MEAN TO SAY
I HEARD THAT DESPAIR ITSELF HAD AN ENORMOUS LT LEGACY...

IT'S AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TASK TO ESCAPE FROM THERE.
HEY! EVEN PRISONERS GIVE UP, YOU KNOW.
WAIT A SECOND ROLAN!
I HEARD THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR "DESPAIR" THE UNION GOT TO MAKE THEIR PRISON
THAT'S EXPECTED OF THE KING'S FAMILY! IT'S DETAILED, ISN'T IT?
POW!
AND ACCORDING TO ANCIENT DOCUMENTS THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION MOVED THE SKY IT SEEMED AS IF THEIR FORTRESS WAS IN MIDAIR
YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR PART OF THE PLAN, RIGHT?
WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO CUT THE ELECTRICITY TO GET THE JAIL OPEN!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND!? WE HAVE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THAT SHIP IMMEDIATELY! CRASHING THEIR SYSTEM IS OUR FOCUS!
WHOOSH
THAT'S EXACTLY THE ARRANGEMENT THAT I REMEMBER, ISN'T IT!?

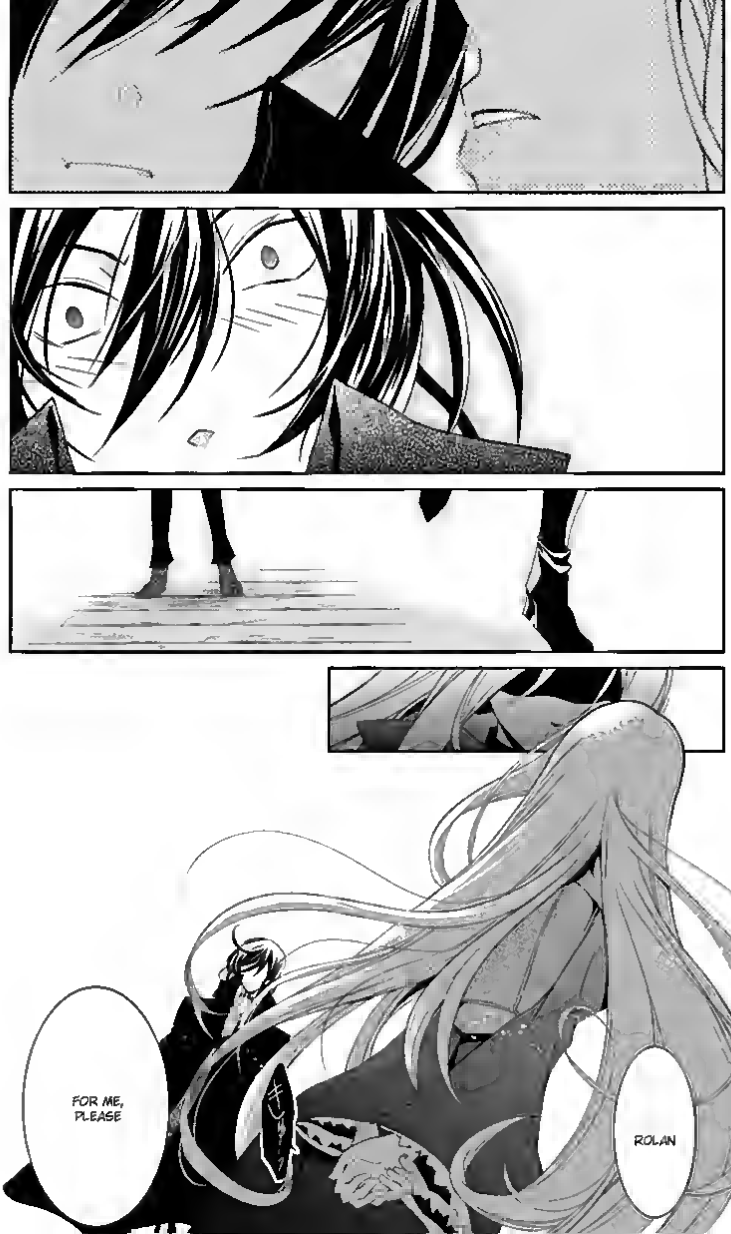
I'M TO FALL STRAIGHT DOWN FROM THE PLANE WITH THE PARACHUTE AND, USING THE DARKNESS AS COVER, SLIP INTO THE FOREST. RIGHT?
HOOOWL
AFTER THAT, I'M TO HAND OFF THE PREVIOUSLY SENT LETTER TO YOU, AND WAIT ON STANDBY TO PICK YOU UP!
I'VE GOT IT!
EVEN SO. I HAVE A QUESTION.
USUALLY I HAVE A HUNCH ABOUT HOW THINGS WILL GO BUT,

ROLAN
...LT WAPONS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR A SHORT TIME. YOU CAN ONLY USE IT FOR LOW-ALTITUDE FLYING.
WHEN IT COMES TO IT, I'LL USE MOVEMENT MAGIC AND FLY OUT WHILE CARRYING THE OLD LADY!
AFTER WE'VE RESCUED THAT OLD LADY, HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO ESCAPE ROLAN!?
ONCE WE EXCEED 100 METERS IN ALTITUDE WE'LL BE AT THE HEIGHT OF THE FLOATING CITADEL!
WOOSH
AND THEN WHAT!?

WHAT WILL YOU DO THEN?
IF THERE'S A GARRISON THERE EVEN IF IT'S VERY SMALL, THEY WILL STILL CHASE YOU

WHAT!!!???
BUT I'M FEELING RIDICULOUSLY UNEASY ABOUT THIS!!!
YOU'RE LATE EVEN WHEN YOU WHINE!
NOW, WE CAN'T JUST GO AND RUN AWAY WHEN WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE OLD LADY!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE DECISIVE ACTION!!

GOT IT!
AND WHEN I GIVE YOU THE SIGNAL, YOU HAVE TO ESCAPE!
HEY! YOU HAVE TO JUMP QUICKLY!
running
UHH... HOW EXACTLY DO YOU OPEN THE PARA-CHUTE...?
— IF YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAID, DO IT
H-HEY?
turn
IT'S STRANGE, TO BE HONEST
SOMEHOW I EXPECT HER TO FOLLOW ME —
WOULD YOU PLEASE TURN BACK AROUND?
ARE YOU THINKING PROPERLY!?


FOR ME, PLEASE
ROLAN

COME BACK ALIVE!

COME BACK ALIVE!

run
YOU CAN LEAVE IT TO ME!
leap

Whoooosh
BOOM!

IT'S NOT CLEAR IF I'LL BE ABLE TO RESCUE THE OLD LADY
AT LAST, THE PLANS ARE FOLLOWING THROUGH
WELL THEN—! IT'S RIGHT HERE AS EXPECTED. SORRY FOR THE INTRUSION.
HOWL
stopping immediately
whoosh
I'LL CUT RIGHT THROUGH!
AWW—I GOT DIRTY!
!?

JUST NOW, RIGHT BEHIND ME, I DEFINITELY HEARD A VOICE THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR!!!
smack
smack
HEY, ROLAN, IS OLD LADY SHION HERE OR WHAT?

I HONESTLY JUST FELT A BIT OF DESPERATION... I EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO HAPPEN IN THE BEGINNING.
DAMN IT. WHAT THE HELL IS SHE DOING?

WHAT THE HELL? ISN'T THAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT!?
SMOOTH MOVEMENT
DON'T MAKE ME BEAT YOUR ASS!!
DON'T YOU KNOW!? IDIOT!!
CHAPTER END 4/14

Fallen
Syndicate
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PROOFREADER: REMI, ANIDORK
CLEANER: MALENAAE, I_AM_LYNN
TYPESETTER: BARAHIME HOLIC
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